

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A retaining wall comprising:
a base formed from a first row of building blocks;
a wall assembly supported on the base, the wall assembly including a plurality of vertically stacked rows of building blocks, the wall assembly having a front face and a rear face;
the building blocks being formed of fiber reinforced cellular cementitious material, wherein the material has a consistency that permits fasteners to be driven into the building blocks in the same way that conventional lumber fasteners are driven into lumber; and
a plurality of spaced apart elongated vertically extending reinforcing strips fixed to one of the front face and the rear face of the wall assembly, the reinforcing strips each being secured to the wall assembly by a plurality of fasteners, the fasteners each being a nail or screw extended through one of the reinforcing strips and driven directly into one of the building blocks to mechanically join the reinforcing strip and the building block together, wherein each of the fasteners is of the type ~~commonly~~ used with conventional lumber and wherein each of the fasteners is driven into the building blocks in the same way that conventional lumber fasteners are driven into lumber.

2. (Original) A retaining wall as set forth in claim 1, wherein the fiber reinforced cellular cementitious material is made from cementitious material mixed with water, fiber and aerating material.

3. (Original) A retaining wall as set forth in claim 2, wherein the cementitious material makes up approximately less than about 83% of the total weight of the building blocks, the water makes up approximately less than about 30% of the total weight of the building blocks, the fiber makes up approximately less than 4% of the total weight of the building blocks, and the aerating material makes up approximately less than 1% of the total weight of the building blocks.

4. (Original) A retaining wall as set forth in claim 3, wherein the cementitious material comprises cement, fly ash and silica fume or other pozzolans, and wherein the cement makes up approximately less than about 40% of the total weight of the building blocks, the fly ash makes up approximately less than about 50% of the total weight of the building blocks, and the silica fume or other pozzolans makes up approximately less than about 25% of the total weight of the building blocks.

5. (Original) A retaining wall as set forth in claim 1, wherein the fiber-reinforced cellular cementitious material is made from cement which makes up approximately 18-40% of the total weight of the building blocks, fly ash which makes up approximately less than about 50% of the total weight of the building blocks, silica fume or other pozzolans which makes up approximately less than about 25% of the total weight of the building blocks, fiber which makes up approximately 0.4-3.2% of the total weight of the building blocks, and an aerating material.